

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 27, 2006, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group III, identified in the Restriction Requirement as claims 10-12.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute claims 1-9 and 13-52 in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-9 and 13-52 and added claims 53-63. Claims 10-12 and 53-63 are now pending in this application.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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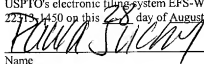


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